

December 5, 2003

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Verizon 271 Broadband Forbearance Petition, CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 98-147, and 96-98; Coalition of Competitive Fiber Providers' Petition for Declaratory Ruling, CC Docket No. 01-77

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, the CompTel/ASCENT Alliance ("CompTel") hereby gives notice that on December 4, 2003, its representatives met with Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy and Matthew Brill, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Abernathy. In these meetings CompTel explained that the Commission must reject Verizon's forbearance petition because it is inconsistent with the Commission's goal of furthering advanced services deployment. CompTel noted that the Commission, in its Triennial Review Order already addressed ILEC incentives to deploy packet-based broadband facilities. To relieve Verizon of any obligation to provide access to packetized loop transmission at just and reasonable prices would eliminate competitors' ability to transition to next-generation soft-switch and IP networks.

Similarly, CompTel asked the Commission to act expeditiously and grant the request by the Coalition of Competitive Fiber Providers, which would help to eliminate remaining sources of impairment preventing collocated CLECs from using alternative transport providers.

In attendance were: John Foley, City Signal Communications; Edward J. Butler, Jr., PaeTec Communications; Alea Christofferson, Sun River Telecom; Charles Barker, ACN; William Capraro, CIMCO Communications; Robert Mocas, Easton Telecom Services; Colin Wood, TransWorld Network; Tom Koutsky, Z-Tel; Steve Trotman, CompTel, Walter Blackwell, CompTel, and the undersigned attorney.

Sincerely,

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